

(c) providing a multimedia device having a top surface and bottom surface with at least one of the top surface and the bottom surface having printed information located thereon, and the device including an updatable memory for storing information generally corresponding to the printed information, a contact point, and a communications port for connection of the device with the database;

(d) providing a signal generator capable of being placed in communication with the contact point of the multimedia device so as to receive a signal from the memory, the signal generator adapted to generate a signal corresponding to the information stored in the memory; and

(e) charging a fee for at least one of (1) access to the at least one database (2) ownership of the multimedia device (3) ownership of the signal generator and (4) placing content on the database.

a! 33. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising updating the database on a regular basis.

34. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the data regarding a selected topic includes sports data.

35. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the sports data includes team information.

36. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the sports data includes player information.

37. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the multimedia device is one of a collection of generally related multimedia devices.

38. (New) A multimedia assembly comprising:

(a) at least one multimedia device having a top surface and bottom surface with at least one of the top surface and the bottom surface having printed information

located thereon, an updatable memory for storing information generally corresponding to the printed information, and a contact point and a communications port for connection of the device with a remote database;

(b) a first user computer connected with said remote database via a communications network;

(c) a first docking cradle in communication with said first user computer, said first docking cradle including an aperture adapted to receive one of said at least one multimedia devices, said docking cradle adapted to transfer information between the updatable database and the multimedia device;

(d) a second user computer connected with said remote database via a communications network; and

a1 (e) a second docking cradle in communication with said second user computer, said second docking cradle including an aperture adapted to receive one of said at least one multimedia devices, said docking cradle adapted to transfer information between the updatable database and the multimedia device.

39. (New) The multimedia assembly of claim 38, wherein each of said docking cradles includes a signal generator adapted to generate a signal corresponding to the information stored in the memory of one of the multimedia devices.

40. (New) The multimedia assembly of claim 39, further comprising a signal generator adapted to generate a signal corresponding to the information stored in the memory of one of the multimedia devices.

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